

HOUSE RESOLUTION 114

By Godsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Band Director Lafe Cook and the members of the Dobyons-Bennett High School Band upon receiving the Sudler Flag Honor.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pay tribute to those young people who, through their artistic endeavors, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Dobyons-Bennett High School Band are exemplary ambassadors of this State, and they have recently been awarded the prestigious Sudler Flag of Honor; and

WHEREAS, administered by the John Philip Sousa Foundation, this prestigious award identifies, recognizes, and honors high school band programs internationally that have demonstrated particularly significant high standards of excellence in concert activities at national levels over a period of several years; and

WHEREAS, the Sudler Flag, widely viewed as the most prestigious high school band award, is only given to those estimable programs with a full breadth of musical experiences including concert, solo, ensemble, and marching; and

WHEREAS, with a rich and varied tradition of excellence, the Dobyons-Bennett High School Band has been performing and playing music for more than seventy-five years; it is the only band program in the State of Tennessee to ever receive the Sudler Flag of Honor; and

WHEREAS, garnering numerous awards and accolades as a result of its perennial dedication to the highest standards of music, the Dobyons-Bennett Marching Band serves as the gold standard in high school band music in the State of Tennessee and across this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, these remarkable students owe a great deal of their instruction and musical exposure to the constant and acute leadership of their director, Mr. Lafe Cook; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Cook's able leadership, the Dobyns-Bennett Marching Band has grown to more than 300 members; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous success of the Dobyns-Bennett Band program is made possible by the ample support of parents, boosters, local music educators, and the community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to these remarkable music students for their hard work and many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and recognize Band Director Lafe Cook and the members of the Dobyns-Bennett High School Band upon receiving the Sudler Flag Honor, wish them every success in all future endeavors, and look forward with great expectation to many more years of musical excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.